

**REMARKS**

Claims 9, 11, 17, 18, 21, and 22 are currently pending, and the Examiner indicated that these claims are allowed. See, e.g., Office Action dated June 18, 2003, page 3. By this Amendment, rejected claims 1-4, 6-8, 15, 16, and 20 were cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants will pursue the canceled broader subject matter in a continuing application.

In view of the foregoing amendments and the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in the outstanding Office Action, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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